Contract labour in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

3051. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacant posts covered under the sanctioned strength have been filled by contractual employees in Ashok Hotel New Delhi;

(b) if so, the total number of such employees engaged, section/department-wise, with details about the salary and other benefits provided to them;

(c) whether the management has registered their names under the provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act 1970 as a licence for engaging such Contract Labour;

(d) if so, the details of the licence, its date of issue, period for which is is valid; and

(e) if not, the authority under which such contract labourers are engaged?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir, ITDC has engaged 21 skilled workers on a "fixed term" basis, against sanctioned posts.

(b) The information is as under:

S. No.	Name of Post	No. of persons engaged	Section/Deptt.	Scale of pay/ emoluments
1.	Commis-II	4	F & B	Rs. 1100-1555
2.	Commis D'Rang	4	F & B	Rs. 1050-1425
3.	Attendant-cum-Cleaner	2	Health Club	Rs. 1020-1335
4.	Health Club Supervisor	1	-do-	Rs. 2500-p.m.
5.	Manager Gd. III	2	Accounts/Admn.	Rs. 1020-1335
6.	Lady Exeutives	7	F & B Public Relations/ Front Office/ Health Club	Rs. 3000 p.m.
7.	Sous Chef	1	F & B	Rs. 5000 p.m.

(c) This Act is not applicable in the instant case.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The ITDC Management is competent to make such "fixed term" appointments against sanctioned posts.

Progress of the tourism related projects

3052. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects for promotion of tourism in the country are in progress; and

(b) if so, what are the details of ten most important of these projects including the likely time of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments for augmentation of tourist facilities. These projects are sanctioned depending on the inter-se priority, availability of funds and their merit. All projects sanctioned by

the Central Department of Tourism are important from the tourism promotion angle.

Aviation security in domestic and international sectors

3053. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to develop a force for aviation security in the domestic and international sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to appoint B.S.F. personnel in place of state police for the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of staff members employed for security purposes in various organisations at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad and Trivandrum International Airports, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up Aviation Security Force is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) At present there is no such proposal.

(e) Information is being collected and would be laid before the House.

Operation of Air-taxis by Singapore Airlines in India

3054. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singapore Airlines has planned to operate air taxis in India, with the collaboration of Indian entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not aries.

Foreign investment by the Airlines

3055. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that various airlines in India have been allowed to invest in carrying out their operation abroad; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would allow Indian Airlines and operators in the Private Sector to invest in their operations abroad; if so, what are the policy guidelines for investment abroad; and

(c) what are the foreign exchange earnings and expenditure figures of Air India and the Indian Airlines during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and projections for 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Air Taxi operators can operate domestic air services only. Indian Airlines is permitted to invest abroad for upgradation of the facilitation services.